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CONSTRUCTION PROCESS FOR SIMPLE LIE ALGEBRAS

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Abstract

We give here a construction process for the complex simple Lie algebras and the non Hermitian type real forms which intersect the minimal nilpotent complex adjoint orbit, using a finite dimensional irreducible representation of the conformal group, or of some 2-fold covering of it, with highest weight a semi-invariant of degree 4. This process leads to a 5-graded simple complex Lie algebra and the underlying semi-invariant is intimately related to the structure of the minimal nilpotent orbit. We also describe a similar construction process for the simple real Lie algebras of Hermitian type.

Conformal and Meta-Conformal Groups

Let V be a Euclidean complex vector space and Q a degree 4 homogeneous polynomial on V . Let L be defined by

$$L := \{g \in GL(V) \mid \exists \gamma(g) \in \mathbb{C}, Q(gz) = \gamma(g)Q(z)\}$$

and suppose that it has an open orbit and that L is self-ajoint :

$$\forall g \in L, g^* \in L.$$

More precisely, V is a semi-simple complex Jordan algebra with rank ≤ 4 , L is the structure group of V and Q semi-invariant for L .

If $V = \sum_{i=1}^s V_i$ is the decomposition of V into simple ideals, then $Q(z) = \prod_{i=1}^s \Delta_i^{k_i}(z_i)$, where Δ_i is the determinant polynomilal of V_i and the k_i are positive integers such that $\sum_{i=1}^s k_i r_i = 4$, r_i being the rank of the Jordan algebra V_i . In the sequel, e is the unit element of V .

Let K be the conformal group of V , that is the set of rationnal transformations g of V such that, for each $z \in V$ where g is defined, the differential $Dg(z) \in L$.

K is a semi-simple Lie group. It is generated by L , the group N of translations $\tau_a(a \in V)$ and the conformal inversion $\sigma(z) = \nabla \log Q(z)$.

$P := L \ltimes N$ is a maximal parabolic subgroup of K and L is its Lévi factor.

The Lie algebra \mathfrak{k} of K writes $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{k}_{-1} + \mathfrak{k}_0 + \mathfrak{k}_1$, with

$$\mathfrak{k}_{-1} = Lie(N), \mathfrak{k}_1 = Lie(\sigma N \sigma), \mathfrak{k}_0 = Lie(L).$$

Let \mathfrak{p} be the complex vector space generated by the polynomials $Q(z - a)$ with $a \in V$.

We first suppose that there exists a character χ of L such that

$$Q(l.z) = \chi(l)^2 Q(z).$$

Then, the conformal group K acts on \mathfrak{p} by :

$$(\kappa(g)p)(z) = \mu(g, z)p(g^{-1}z)$$

with

$$\mu(g^{-1}, z) = \chi(Dg(z))^{-1}.$$

In particular

$$\begin{aligned} (\kappa(\tau_a)p)(z) &= p(z - a) & (a \in V) \\ (\kappa(l)p)(z) &= \chi(l)p(l^{-1}z) & (l \in L) \\ (\kappa(\sigma)p)(z) &= Q(z)p(-z^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

κ is the finite dimensional irreducible representation of K with highest weight Q . It is also the representation $Ind_P^K \chi$ obtained by parabolic induction from the character χ of L . The derived representation $d\kappa$ can be obtained on the generators of \mathfrak{k} as follows :

For $X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$, let $v \in V$ be such that $\exp(tX) = \tau_{tv}$, then

$$(d\kappa(X)p)(z) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} p(z - tv) = -Dp(z)(v).$$

For $X \in \mathfrak{k}_0$,

$$\begin{aligned} (d\kappa(X)p)(z) &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \gamma(\exp(\frac{t}{2}X))p(\exp(-tX)z) \\ &= D\gamma(id) \circ D(\exp)(0)(\frac{1}{2}X)p(z) - Dp(z)(D(\exp)(0)(X)z) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}D\gamma(id)(X)p(z) - Dp(z)(X.z). \end{aligned}$$

For $X \in \mathfrak{k}_1$, $\exp(tX) = \sigma\tau_{tu}\sigma$ with $u \in V$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (d\kappa(X)p)(z) &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\kappa(\sigma\tau_{tu}\sigma)p)(z) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\kappa(\sigma)\kappa(\tau_{tu})[Q(z)p(\sigma(z))]) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\kappa(\sigma)[Q(z - tu)p(\sigma(z - tu))]) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} [Q(z)Q(\sigma(z) - tu)p(\sigma(\sigma(z) - tu))] = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} Q(e - tzu)p(z\sigma(e - tzu)) \\ &= -DQ(e)(zu)p(z) - Dp(z)(zu) \end{aligned}$$

If the character χ of L doesn't exist, we consider the 2-fold-covering group of L defined by

$$\tilde{L}^{(2)} = \{(l, \alpha) \in L \times \mathbb{C}^* \mid \alpha^2 = \gamma(l)^{-1}\}.$$

$\tilde{L}^{(2)}$ acts on V by $(l, \alpha).z = \alpha l.z$, then

$$Q((l, \alpha).z) = \alpha^4 \gamma(l)Q(z) = \alpha^2 Q(z) = \tilde{\chi}(l, \alpha)^2 Q(z)$$

where $\tilde{\chi}(l, \alpha) = \alpha$ is a character of $\tilde{L}^{(2)}$. Moreover, $\tilde{L}^{(2)}$ is a subgroup of a 2-fold-covering group of the conformal group K , which will be called the meta-conformal group, defined by :

$$\tilde{K}^{(2)} = \{(g, \phi) \in K \times \mathcal{O}(V) \mid \phi(z)^2 = \gamma(Dg(z))^{-1}\}$$

equipped with the group law given by :

$$(g_1, \phi_1).(g_2, \phi_2) = (g_1 g_2, \phi_3), \text{ with } \phi_3(z) = \phi_1(g_2 z)\phi_2(z).$$

Proposition. For each $g \in K$, the function $\psi_g : z \mapsto \gamma(Dg(z))^{-1}$, holomorphic on $V - \{z \in V \mid Dg(z) = 0\}$, has an analytic continuation to V . Moreover, there exists $\phi_g \in O(V)$, such that $\psi_g = \phi_g^2$.

Proof. Using the cocycle property $D(g_1g_2)(z) = Dg_1(g_2(z))Dg_2(z)$ which implies $\psi_{g_1g_2}(z) = \psi_{g_1}(g_2(z))\psi_{g_2}(z)$, it suffices to prove the proposition for the generators of K . For $g = l \in L$, $Dg(z) = l$ and $\psi_g(z) = \gamma(l)^{-1}$ for $z \in V$. For $g = \tau_v$, $Dg(z) = id_V$ and $\psi_g(z) = 1$ for $z \in V$. If $g = \sigma$, as for each invertible z , $D\sigma(z) = P(z)^{-1}$ and $\det(P(z)w) = \det(z)^2\det(w)$ (cf. [F-K] Proposition II.3.3), then we get $\psi_g(z) = Q(z)^2$ which is a polynomial, it follows that ψ_g has analytic continuation to V and $\phi_g(z)^2 = \psi$, ϕ_g being the holomorphic function $\phi_g(z) = Q(z)$. \square

Corollary. $\tilde{K}^{(2)}$ is a 2-fold covering group of K , which contains the covering $\tilde{L}^{(2)}$ of L . Moreover, $\tilde{K}^{(2)}$ is generated by the elements

$$\begin{aligned} (l, \alpha) & \quad \text{with } (l \in L, \alpha = \gamma(l)^{-\frac{1}{2}}), \\ (\tau_v, 1) & \quad \text{with } v \in V, \\ (\sigma, Q). \end{aligned}$$

The group $\tilde{K}^{(2)}$ will be called the meta-conformal group of V , associated to the semi-invariant Q . The subgroup $\tilde{P}^{(2)}$ generated by $\tilde{L}^{(2)}$ and the $(\tau_v, 1)$ is maximal parabolic of $\tilde{K}^{(2)}$ with Levi factor $\tilde{L}^{(2)}$.

We consider the representation $\tilde{\kappa}$ of $\tilde{K}^{(2)}$ in \mathfrak{p} defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\kappa}(\tau_v, 1)p)(z) &= p(z - v) \\ (\tilde{\kappa}(l, \alpha)p)(z) &= \alpha^{-1}p(l^{-1}.z) \\ (\tilde{\kappa}(\sigma, Q)p)(z) &= Q(z)p(-\sigma(z)). \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{\kappa}$ is the finite dimensional irreducible representation of $\tilde{K}^{(2)}$ with highest weight Q . It is also the representation $Ind_{\tilde{P}^{(2)}}^{\tilde{K}^{(2)}} \tilde{\chi}$ obtained by parabolic induction from the character $\tilde{\chi}$ of $\tilde{L}^{(2)}$. The derived representation $d\tilde{\kappa}$ can be obtained on the generators of \mathfrak{k} as follows :

For $X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$, let $v \in V$ be such that $\exp(tX) = (\tau_{tv}, 1)$, then

$$(d\tilde{\kappa}(X)p)(z) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} p(z - tv) = -Dp(z)(v).$$

For $X \in \mathfrak{k}_0$,

$$\begin{aligned} (d\tilde{\kappa}(X)p)(z) &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \gamma(\exp(\frac{t}{2}X))p(\exp(-tX)z) \\ &= D\gamma(id) \circ D(\exp)(0)(\frac{1}{2}X)p(z) - Dp(z)(D(\exp)(0)(X)z) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}D\gamma(id)(X)p(z) - Dp(z)(X.z). \end{aligned}$$

For $X \in \mathfrak{k}_1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
(d\tilde{\kappa}(X)p)(z) &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\tilde{\kappa}((\sigma, Q) \cdot (\tau_{tu}, 1) \cdot (\sigma, Q))p)(z) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\tilde{\kappa}((\sigma, Q))\tilde{\kappa}((\tau_{tu}, 1))\tilde{\kappa}((\sigma, Q))p)(z) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\tilde{\kappa}((\sigma, Q))\tilde{\kappa}((\tau_{tu}, 1))[Q(z)p(\sigma(z))]) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\tilde{\kappa}((\sigma, Q))[Q(z - tu)p(\sigma(z - tu))]) \\
&= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} [Q(z)Q(\sigma(z) - tu)p(\sigma(\sigma(z) - tu))] \\
&= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} Q(e - tzu)p(z\sigma(e - tzu)) \\
&= -DQ(e)(zu)p(z) - Dp(z)(zu).
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that the infinitesimal representations $d\kappa$ and $d\tilde{\kappa}$ are equal. In the sequel, We denote this representation of \mathfrak{k} in \mathfrak{p} by ρ .

Graduation of \mathfrak{k} and \mathfrak{p} .

The Lie algebra $\mathfrak{k} = Lie(K)$ is the Kantor-Koecher-Tits Lie algebra of V .

We denote by h_t the dilation of V : $h_t.z = e^{-t}z$ ($t \in \mathbb{R}$). Then $h_t \in L$, $h_t = e^{tH}$ with $H \in Lie(L)$ and $\chi(h_t) = e^{-2t}$ (In the case of the character $\tilde{\chi}$ of $\tilde{L}^{(2)}$, we consider $\tilde{h}_t = (h_t, e^{2t}) \in \tilde{L}^{(2)}$ in such a way that $\tilde{\chi}(\tilde{h}_t) = e^{-2t}$).

We can prove that $\rho(H) = \mathcal{E} - 2$, where \mathcal{E} is the Euler operator $(\mathcal{E}p)(z) = \langle z, \nabla p(z) \rangle$.

H defines a graduation of \mathfrak{k} :

$$\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{k}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{k}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{k}_1$$

with

$$\mathfrak{k}_j = \{X \in \mathfrak{k} \mid ad(H)X = jX\} \quad j = -1, 0, 1.$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
Ad(\sigma) : \mathfrak{k}_j &\rightarrow \mathfrak{k}_{-j}, X \mapsto \sigma X \sigma \\
\mathfrak{k}_{-1} &= Lie(N) \simeq V, \mathfrak{k}_0 = Lie(L), \mathfrak{k}_1 = Lie(\sigma N \sigma) \simeq V
\end{aligned}$$

and that

$$H \in \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k}_0) \quad (\text{centre of } \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{k}_0)).$$

H defines also a graduation of \mathfrak{p} :

$$\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_{-2} + \mathfrak{p}_{-1} + \mathfrak{p}_0 + \mathfrak{p}_1 + \mathfrak{p}_2$$

with

$$\mathfrak{p}_j = \{p \in \mathfrak{p} \mid \rho(H)p = jp\}.$$

\mathfrak{p}_j is the set of homogeneous polynomials of degree $j + 2$ in \mathfrak{p} .

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
\kappa(\sigma) : \mathfrak{p}_j &\rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_{-j}, p \mapsto \kappa(\sigma)p \\
\mathfrak{p}_{-2} &= \mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p}_2 = \mathbb{C}.Q, \mathfrak{p}_{-1} \simeq V, \mathfrak{p}_1 \simeq V.
\end{aligned}$$

Construction process of simple Lie algebras

Let \mathfrak{g} be the vector space defined by $\mathfrak{g} := \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{p}$. Let's denote by $E = Q, F = 1$ ($E, F \in \mathfrak{p}$).

Theorem 1. There exists on \mathfrak{g} a unique Lie algebra structure such that :

$$(S_1) \quad [X, X'] = [X, X']_{\mathfrak{k}} \quad (X, X' \in \mathfrak{k})$$

$$(S_2) \quad [X, p] = \rho(X)p \quad (X \in \mathfrak{k}, p \in \mathfrak{p})$$

$$(S_3) \quad [E, F] = H.$$

Lemma 1.

$$(a) \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}, \rho(X)F = 0 \text{ et } \forall Y \in \mathfrak{k}_1, \rho(Y)E = 0.$$

$$(b) \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}, \rho(X)E \in \mathfrak{p}_1 \text{ and } \forall Y \in \mathfrak{k}_1, \rho(Y)F \in \mathfrak{p}_{-1}.$$

$$(c) \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{k}_0, \rho(X)E = \alpha(X)E \text{ and } \rho(X)F = -\alpha(X)F \text{ with } \alpha(X) = -\frac{1}{2}D\gamma(id)(X).$$

Proof.

$$(a) \quad \text{Let be } X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}, \text{ then } (\rho(X)F)(z) = -DF(z)(v) = 0.$$

Let be $Y \in \mathfrak{k}_1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho(Y)E)(z) &= \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} (\kappa(\sigma)\kappa(\tau_{tv})\kappa(\sigma)E)(z) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} (\kappa(\sigma)\kappa(\tau_{tv})F)(z) = \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} (\kappa(\sigma)F)(z) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Let be } X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}. \text{ Then for } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*,$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho(X)E)(\lambda z) &= \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} E(\lambda z + tv) = \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} E(\lambda(z + \frac{t}{\lambda}v)) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} \lambda^4 E(z + \frac{t}{\lambda}v) = \lambda^4 \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{d}{ds}_{s=0} E(z + sv) \\ &= \lambda^3 (\rho(X)E)(z). \end{aligned}$$

Let be $Y \in \mathfrak{k}_1$. Then $Y = \sigma X \sigma$ with $X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$. It follows that $(\rho(Y)F) = \kappa(\sigma)\rho(X)E \in \kappa(\sigma)(\mathfrak{p}_1) = \mathfrak{p}_{-1}$.

$$(c) \quad \text{Let be } X \in \mathfrak{k}_0 \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho(X)E)(z) &= \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} \gamma(\exp(\frac{t}{2}X)E(\exp(-tX)z)) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} \gamma(\exp(-\frac{t}{2}X))E(z) = -\frac{1}{2}D\gamma(id)(X)E(z) \\ (\rho(X)F)(z) &= \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} \gamma(\exp(\frac{t}{2}X)F(\exp(-tX)z)) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} \gamma(\exp(\frac{t}{2}X))F(z) = \frac{1}{2}D\gamma(id)(X)F(z). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.

- (a) $\forall p \in \mathfrak{p}_1, \exists! X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}, p = \rho(X)E$.
 (b) $\forall p \in \mathfrak{p}_{-1}, \exists! Y \in \mathfrak{k}_1, p = \rho(Y)F$.

Proof. As \mathfrak{p} is a simple \mathfrak{k} -module with highest weight E , we can write $\mathfrak{p} = \rho(\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{k}))E$, where $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{k})$ is the envelopping algebra of \mathfrak{k} . This allows, using lemma 1, to prove that X, Y, X_1, X_2 exist. On an other side, the linear maps

$$\mathfrak{k}_{-1} \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_1, X \mapsto \rho(X)E \text{ and } \mathfrak{k}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_{-1}, Y \mapsto \rho(Y)F$$

are injective. In fact, let $X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$ be such that $d\kappa(X)E = 0$. Then, for each $z \in V$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} E(z + tv) = 0. \text{ As } E(z) = \prod_{i=1}^s \Delta_i^{k_i}(z_i), \text{ then, denoting by } z = (z_i) \text{ and } v = (v_i),$$

we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} E(z + tv) = \frac{d}{dt} \prod_{i=1}^s \Delta_i^{k_i}(z_i + tv_i) = 0.$$

Then if all the z_i are invertible,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \prod_{i=1}^s \Delta_i^{k_i}(z_i + tv_i) = \sum_{i=1}^s k_i \Delta_i^{k_i}(z_i) \text{tr}(z_i^{-1} v_i) \prod_{j \neq i} \Delta_j^{k_j}(z_j) = E(z) \sum_{i=1}^s k_i \text{tr}(z_i^{-1} v_i),$$

then for each $z_i \in V_i$ invertible, $\sum_{i=1}^s k_i \text{tr}(z_i^{-1} v_i) = 0$, which implies that for each $z_i \in V_i$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^s k_i \text{tr}(z_i v_i) = 0, \text{ and finally for each } 1 \leq i \leq s, \forall z_i \in V_i, \text{tr}(z_i v_i) = 0, \text{ and as the}$$

bilinear form $\text{tr}(xy)$ is non degenerated on each V_i , then for each i , $v_i = 0$, i.e. $v = 0$ and $X = 0$.

Let $Y \in \mathfrak{k}_1$ be such that $\rho(Y)F = 0$, i.e. $\kappa(\sigma)d\kappa(X)E = 0$ where $Y = \sigma X \sigma$ with $X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$. Then $\rho(X)E = 0$ and then $X = 0$ and $Y = 0$. \square

Lemma 3. The representation $\rho : \mathfrak{k} \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathfrak{p})$ is injective.

Proof. Let $X \in \mathfrak{k}$ be such that $\rho(X) = 0$. We write $X = X_{-1} + X_0 + X_1$ with $X_j \in \mathfrak{k}_j$. As $\rho(\mathfrak{k}_j)(\mathfrak{p}_i) \subset \mathfrak{p}_{i+j}$, we obtain that $\rho(X_{-1}) = \rho(X_0) = \rho(X_1) = 0$.

$\rho(X_{-1}) = 0$ implies that for all $p \in \mathfrak{p}$ and $z \in V$, $Dp(z)(v) = 0$ (where $\exp(tX_{-1}) = \tau_{tv}$). In particular, if $p(z) = \text{tr}(zu)$ with $u \in V$, then $\text{tr}(vu) = 0$ for arbitrary u , and, as V semisimple means that the bilinear form $\text{tr}(uv)$ is non degenerate, then we get $v = 0$ and $X_{-1} = 0$.

$\rho(X_0) = 0$ implies $\rho(X_0)E = 0$, then $D\gamma(\text{id})(X_0) = 0$. Now, as for each linear form p on V , $\rho(X_0)p(z) = \frac{1}{2}D\gamma(\text{id})(X_0)p(z) + \frac{d}{dt} p(\exp(-tX_0)z) = 0$, and as $D\gamma(\text{id})(X_0) = 0$, we have $\frac{d}{dt} p(\exp(-tX_0)z) = p(-X_0.z) = 0$. If $p(z) = \text{tr}(zu)$ with $u \in V$ then $\text{tr}(-X_0.zu) = 0$ for each $z, u \in V$, then $X_0 = 0$.

As $X_1 = \sigma Y_{-1} \sigma$ with $Y_{-1} \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$, then it is clear that $\rho(X_1) = 0$ implies $\rho(Y_{-1}) = 0$, implies $Y_{-1} = 0$ and $X_1 = 0$.

Proof of theorem 1. We define the Lie bracket $[p, p'] \in \mathfrak{k}$ for two elements p, p' of \mathfrak{p} in such a way that

$$[E, F] = H, [\mathfrak{p}_i, \mathfrak{p}_j] \subset \mathfrak{k}_{i+j}$$

and

$$[X, [p, p']]_{\mathfrak{k}} = [[X, p], p']_{\mathfrak{k}} + [p, [X, p']]_{\mathfrak{k}} = [\rho(X)p, p']_{\mathfrak{k}} + [p, \rho(X)p']_{\mathfrak{k}}. \quad (\forall X \in \mathfrak{k}).$$

It follows that

$$\forall X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}, [\rho(X)E, F] = [X, [E, F]] = [X, H] = X$$

and the bracket $[\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_{-2}] \subset \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$ is well defined.

$$\forall Y \in \mathfrak{k}_1, [\rho(Y)F, E] = [Y, [F, E]] = -[Y, H] = Y$$

and the bracket $[\mathfrak{p}_{-1}, \mathfrak{p}_2] \subset \mathfrak{k}_1$ is well defined.

$$\forall X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}, p \in \mathfrak{p}_0, [\rho(X)E, p] = [[X, E], p] = [X, [E, p]] - [E, [X, p]] = [\rho(X)p, E] \in [\mathfrak{p}_{-1}, \mathfrak{p}_2]$$

and the bracket $[\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_0] \subset \mathfrak{k}_1$ is well defined.

$$\forall Y \in \mathfrak{k}_1, p \in \mathfrak{p}_0, [\rho(Y)F, p] = [[Y, F], p] = [Y, [F, p]] - [F, [Y, p]] = [\rho(Y)p, F] \in [\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_{-2}]$$

and the bracket $[\mathfrak{p}_{-1}, \mathfrak{p}_0] \subset \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$ is well defined.

For $X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}, Y \in \mathfrak{k}_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} [\rho(X)E, \rho(Y)F] &= [X, [E, \rho(Y)F]] - [E, \rho(X)\rho(Y)F] \\ &= [X, [E, \rho(Y)F]] - [E, \rho([X, Y])F] \\ &= -[X, Y] + \alpha([X, Y])H \in \mathfrak{k}_0 \end{aligned}$$

and the bracket $[\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_{-1}] \subset \mathfrak{k}_0$ is well defined.

$$\forall X, X' \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}, [\rho(X)E, \rho(X')E] = [X, [E, \rho(X')E]] - [E, \rho(X)\rho(X')E] = 0,$$

then $[\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_1] = 0$.

$$\forall Y, Y' \in \mathfrak{k}_1, [\rho(Y)F, \rho(Y')F] = [Y, [F, \rho(Y')F]] - [F, \rho(Y)\rho(Y')F] = 0,$$

then $[\mathfrak{p}_{-1}, \mathfrak{p}_{-1}] = 0$.

The bracket $[\mathfrak{p}_0, \mathfrak{p}_0]$ is then well determined. In fact, for $p, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_0$, as the restriction of ρ to \mathfrak{k}_0 is injective, we define $X_0 = [p_0, p'_0]$ as the unique element of \mathfrak{k}_0 such that $\rho(X_0)$ satisfies :

$$\rho(X_0)E = 0, \rho(X_0)F = 0 \text{ and } \rho(X_0)\phi = -[[\phi, p_0], p'_0] - [p_0, [\phi, p'_0]] \quad \forall \phi \in \mathfrak{p}_{-1} \cup \mathfrak{p}_1$$

and its restriction to \mathfrak{p}_0 is then determined because \mathfrak{p}_0 is generated by the brackets $[X, p]$ with $X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}, p \in \mathfrak{p}_1$, and in this case we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(X_0)([X, p]) &= -[[X, p], X_0] = -[[X, p], [p_0, p'_0]] = -[[X, p], p_0], p'_0] - [p_0, [[X, p], p'_0]] \\ &= [[[p_0, X], p], p'_0] + [[X, [p_0, p]], p'_0] + [p_0, [[p'_0, X], p]] + [p_0, [X, [p'_0, p]]] \\ &\in [[[\mathfrak{p}_0, \mathfrak{k}_{-1}], \mathfrak{p}_1], \mathfrak{p}_0] + [[\mathfrak{k}_{-1}, [\mathfrak{p}_0, \mathfrak{p}_1]], \mathfrak{p}_0] + [\mathfrak{p}_0, [[\mathfrak{p}_0, \mathfrak{k}_{-1}], \mathfrak{p}_1]] + [\mathfrak{p}_0, [\mathfrak{k}_{-1}, [\mathfrak{p}_0, \mathfrak{p}_1]]] \\ &\subset [[\mathfrak{p}_{-1}, \mathfrak{p}_1], \mathfrak{p}_0] + [[\mathfrak{k}_{-1}, \mathfrak{k}_1], \mathfrak{p}_0] + [\mathfrak{p}_0, [\mathfrak{p}_{-1}, \mathfrak{p}_1]] + [\mathfrak{p}_0, [\mathfrak{k}_{-1}, \mathfrak{k}_1]] \\ &\subset [\mathfrak{k}_0, \mathfrak{p}_0] + [\mathfrak{k}_0, \mathfrak{p}_0] + [\mathfrak{p}_0, \mathfrak{k}_0] + [\mathfrak{p}_0, \mathfrak{k}_0] \subset [\mathfrak{k}_0, \mathfrak{p}_0] \subset \mathfrak{p}_0. \end{aligned}$$

Let the vector space $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{p}$ be equipped with the bracket defined by

$$[X + p, X' + p'] = [X, X']_{\mathfrak{k}} + [p, p'] + \rho(X)p' - \rho(X')p \quad (X, X' \in \mathfrak{k}, p, p' \in \mathfrak{p}).$$

It remains to prove that the Jacobi identity holds. In fact, as \mathfrak{k} is a Lie algebra and ρ is a representation of \mathfrak{k} in \mathfrak{p} , then it is clear that for $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{k}$,

$$[X, [Y, Z]] = [X, [Y, Z]_{\mathfrak{k}}]_{\mathfrak{k}} = [[X, Y]_{\mathfrak{k}}, Z]_{\mathfrak{k}} + [X, [Y, Z]_{\mathfrak{k}}]_{\mathfrak{k}} = [[X, Y], Z] + [X, [Y, Z]]$$

and for $X, Y \in \mathfrak{k}, p \in \mathfrak{p}$,

$$[X, [Y, p]] = d\kappa(X)d\kappa(Y)p = d\kappa([X, Y]_{\mathfrak{k}})p + d\kappa(Y)d\kappa(X)p = [[X, Y]_{\mathfrak{k}}, p] + [Y, [X, p]].$$

By an other side, the Lie bracket has been defined such that for $X \in \mathfrak{k}, p, p' \in \mathfrak{p}$,

$$[X, [p, p']] = [[X, p], p'] + [p, [X, p']].$$

It remains just to establish the identity

$$[p'', [p, p']] = [[p'', p], p'] + [p, [p'', p']] \quad \forall p, p', p'' \in \mathfrak{p} \quad (*)$$

We prove this identity step by step. Notice first that we can suppose $p'' = E$.

In the cases $(p, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_2), (p \in \mathfrak{p}_2, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_1), (p \in \mathfrak{p}_2, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_0), (p \in \mathfrak{p}_2, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_{-1}), (p \in \mathfrak{p}_2, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_{-2}), (p, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_1), (p \in \mathfrak{p}_1, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_0), (p, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_0)$, the identity $(*)$ is trivial.

If $p \in \mathfrak{p}_1, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_{-1}$ then $p = \rho(X)E$ et $p' = \rho(X')F$ with $X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$ and $X' \in \mathfrak{k}_1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} [E, [p, p']] &= [E, [X', X]] - \alpha([X', X])[E, H] \\ &= \rho([X', X])E - 2\alpha([X', X])E \\ &= -\alpha([X', X])E \end{aligned}$$

and as $[[E, p], p'] = 0$ and $[p, [E, p']] = [p, -X'] = \rho(X')d\kappa(X)E = \rho([X', X])E = -\alpha([X', X])E$, the identity $(*)$ is satisfied.

If $p \in \mathfrak{p}_1, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_{-2}$ then $p = \rho(X)E$ with $X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$ and $p' = F$, then $[E, [p, p']] = [E, X] = -\rho(X)E$, $[[E, p], p'] = 0$, $[p, [E, p']] = [p, H] = -[H, p] = -\rho(X)E$, then $(*)$ is satisfied.

If $p \in \mathfrak{p}_0, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_{-1}$ then $p' = \rho(X')F$ with $X' \in \mathfrak{k}_1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} [E, [p, p']] &= [E, [p, \rho(X')F]] = [E, [X', [p, F]] - [[X', p], F]] \\ &= [E, [-\rho(X')p, F]] = -[\rho(X')p, [E, F]] = \rho(X')p \end{aligned}$$

and $[[E, p], p'] = 0$ and $[p, [E, p']] = [p, [E, \rho(X')F]] = [X', p] = \rho(X')p$, then $(*)$ is satisfied.

If $p \in \mathfrak{p}_0, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_{-2}$ then $p' = F$ and $[E, [p, p']] = 0$, $[[E, p], p'] = 0$ and $[p, [E, p']] = -[p, H] = 0$, then $(*)$ is satisfied.

If $p, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_{-1}$ then $p = \rho(X)F$, $p' = \rho(X')F$ with $X, X' \in \mathfrak{k}_1$ and $[E, [p, p']] = 0$, then

$$[[E, p], p'] = [[E, \rho(X)F], \rho(X')F] = \rho(X)\rho(X')F$$

and

$$[p, [E, p']] = [\rho(X)F, [E, \rho(X')F]] = -\rho(X')\rho(X)F$$

and, as $[X, X'] = 0$, then (*) is satisfied.

If $p \in \mathfrak{p}_{-1}, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_{-2}$ then $p = \rho(Y)F$ with $Y \in \mathfrak{k}_1$ and $p' = F$, then $[E, [p, p']] = 0$,

$$[[E, p], p'] = [[E, \rho(Y)F], F] = -[Y, F] = -\rho(Y)F$$

and

$$[p, [E, p']] = [\rho(Y)F, [E, F]] = -[\rho(Y)F, H] = -\rho(Y)F$$

and (*) is satisfied.

If $p, p' \in \mathfrak{p}_{-2}$ then $p = p' = F$, then

$$[E, [p, p']] = 0, [[E, p], p'] = [H, F] = -2F \text{ and } [p, [E, p']] = [p, H] = -[F, H] = -2F$$

and (*) is satisfied. \square

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Proposition. (E, F, H) is an sl_2 -triple in \mathfrak{g} :

$$[H, E] = 2E, \quad [H, F] = -2F, \quad [E, F] = H.$$

$ad(H)$ has eigenvalues $-2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ with respective eigenspaces $\mathfrak{g}_{-2}, \mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_0, \mathfrak{g}_1, \mathfrak{g}_2$ where

$$\mathfrak{g}_{-2} = \mathfrak{p}_{-2}, \mathfrak{g}_{-1} = \mathfrak{k}_{-1} + \mathfrak{p}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_0 = \mathfrak{k}_0 + \mathfrak{p}_0, \mathfrak{g}_1 = \mathfrak{k}_1 + \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{p}_2.$$

The Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} is 5-graded :

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_{-2} + \mathfrak{g}_{-1} + \mathfrak{g}_0 + \mathfrak{g}_1 + \mathfrak{g}_2, \quad [\mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_j] \subset \mathfrak{g}_{i+j}$$

such that

$$\mathfrak{g}_0 = [\mathfrak{g}_{-2}, \mathfrak{g}_2] + [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, \mathfrak{g}_1].$$

Moreover, the map $\tau : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ defined by

$$\tau(X + p) = \sigma X \sigma + \kappa(\sigma)p \quad (X \in \mathfrak{k}, p \in \mathfrak{p})$$

is an involution of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} such that $\tau(\mathfrak{g}_i) = \mathfrak{g}_{-i}$.

\mathfrak{g} will be called the Lie algebra associated to the pair (V, Q) .

Theorem 2. \mathfrak{g} is a simple complex Lie algebra.

Proof. Let $\mathcal{I} \neq \{0\}$ be an ideal of \mathfrak{g} . For $T \in \mathfrak{g}$, we write $T = T_{\mathfrak{k}} + T_{\mathfrak{p}}$ with $T_{\mathfrak{k}} \in \mathfrak{k}, T_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \mathfrak{p}$. We consider

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \{p \in \mathfrak{p} \mid \exists T \in \mathcal{I}, T_{\mathfrak{p}} = p\}.$$

$\mathcal{I}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a non trivial $\rho(\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{k}))$ -submodule of \mathfrak{p} , then equal to \mathfrak{p} . In fact, if $\mathcal{I}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \{0\}$ then $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathfrak{k}$ and then, for each $X \in \mathcal{I}$ and $p \in \mathfrak{p}$, $[X, p] = 0$, which means $\rho(X) = 0$ and then, as ρ is injective (lemma 3), $X = 0$. We deduce that $\mathcal{I}_{\mathfrak{p}} \neq \{0\}$. Now, let be $X \in \mathfrak{k}$ and $p \in \mathcal{I}_{\mathfrak{p}}$, then there exists $T \in \mathcal{I}$ tel que $T_{\mathfrak{p}} = p$. Let be $T = T_{\mathfrak{k}} + p \in \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{p}$, then

$$[X, T] = [X, T_{\mathfrak{k}}] + [X, p] = [X, T_{\mathfrak{k}}] + \rho(X)p$$

and as $[X, T] \in \mathcal{I}$, then $[X, p] = \rho(X)p \in \mathcal{I}_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Finally, as \mathfrak{p} is a simple $\rho(\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{k}))$ -module then $\mathcal{I}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{p}$.

It follows that there exist $T \in \mathcal{I}$ and $T' \in \mathcal{I}$ such that $T_{\mathfrak{p}} = E$ and $T'_{\mathfrak{p}} = F$. We denote by $T = T_{\mathfrak{k}} + E$ and $T' = T'_{\mathfrak{k}} + F$ and with respect to the decomposition $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{k}_{-1} + \mathfrak{k}_0 + \mathfrak{k}_1$ we write

$$T_{\mathfrak{k}} = T_{-1} + T_0 + T_1 \text{ and } T'_{\mathfrak{k}} = T'_{-1} + T'_0 + T'_1.$$

Then

$$[H, T] = -T_{-1} + T_1 + 2E \in \mathcal{I} \text{ and } [H, T'] = -T'_{-1} + T'_1 - 2F \in \mathcal{I}.$$

It follows that

$$S = T + [H, T] = 2T_1 + T_0 + 3E \in \mathcal{I} \text{ and } S' = T' + [H, T'] = 2T'_1 + T'_0 - F \in \mathcal{I}$$

$$[H, S] = 2T_1 + 6E \in \mathcal{I} \text{ and } [H, S'] = 2T'_1 + 2F \in \mathcal{I}$$

$$[H, S] - S = -T_0 + 3E \in \mathcal{I} \text{ and } [H, S'] - S' = -T'_0 + 3F \in \mathcal{I}$$

and finally

$$[H, [H, S] - S] = 6E \in \mathcal{I} \text{ and } [H, [H, S'] - S'] = -6F \in \mathcal{I}$$

then

$$E \in \mathcal{I}, F \in \mathcal{I}, H \in \mathcal{I}.$$

We deduce that for $i \neq 0$, $\mathfrak{g}_i \subset \mathcal{I}$. Moreover, as $\mathfrak{p} = \rho(\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{k}))E$, then $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{I}$ and in particular $\mathfrak{p}_0 \subset \mathcal{I}$. At last, $\mathfrak{k}_0 = [\mathfrak{k}_{-1}, \mathfrak{k}_1] \subset \mathcal{I}$, and $\mathcal{I} = \mathfrak{g}$. \square

Theorem 3.

$$\dim \mathfrak{g} = 4\dim(V) + 2 + \dim \mathfrak{k}_0 + \dim \mathfrak{p}_0.$$

Moreover, if $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{k}}$ is a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{k}_0 which contain H , and if

$$\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \{p \in \mathfrak{p} \mid [X, p] = 0 \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{k}}\}$$

then $\mathfrak{h} := \mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{k}} + \mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} and

$$\text{rank}(\mathfrak{g}) = \text{rank}(\mathfrak{k}_0) + \dim(\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}).$$

Proof. $\mathfrak{k}_1, \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$ are isomorphic to V . Moreover, \mathfrak{p}_1 is generated by the first order partial derivatives of Q , \mathfrak{p}_0 is generated by the second order partial derivatives of Q and \mathfrak{p}_{-1} , which is generated by the order 3 partial derivatives of Q , is equal to the space of linear forms on V . Then \mathfrak{p}_1 and \mathfrak{p}_{-1} are isomorphic to V . As $\mathfrak{p}_2 = \mathbb{C}.Q$ et $\mathfrak{p}_{-2} = \mathbb{C}.1$, the dimension of \mathfrak{g} is then given by

$$\dim \mathfrak{g} = 4\dim(V) + 2 + \dim \mathfrak{k}_0 + \dim \mathfrak{p}_0.$$

Moreover, if $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{k}}$ is a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{k} containing H , it is a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{k}_0 and the subspace of \mathfrak{p} , defined by

$$\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \{p \in \mathfrak{p} \mid [X, p] = 0 \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{k}}\}$$

is contained in \mathfrak{p}_0 , and is Abelian. It follows that the subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} given by $\mathfrak{h} := \mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{k}} + \mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} and $\text{rank}(\mathfrak{g}) = \text{rank}(\mathfrak{k}_0) + \dim(\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}})$. \square

Cartan-Adapted Real Forms

Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}$ be the conformal Lie algebra of Euclidean real form J of the Jordan algebra V . Then $\tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is a real form of \mathfrak{k} . Notice that $H \in \tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}$.

The Cartan involution of $\tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is given by $\theta : \tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}, X \mapsto -\sigma X \sigma$, and the Cartan decomposition of $\tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}$ writes $\tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}^+ + \tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}^-$, with

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}^+ = \{X \in \tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}} \mid \sigma X \sigma = -X\} \text{ and } \tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}^- = \{X \in \tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}} \mid \sigma X \sigma = X\}.$$

The compact real form $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}$ of \mathfrak{k} is then given by $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}^+ + i\tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}^-$. Notice that $\sigma H \sigma(z) = \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} \sigma(\exp(-t)\sigma(z)) = \frac{d}{dt}_{t=0} \exp(t)z = -Hz$, then $\sigma H \sigma = -H$ and $H \in \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Proposition. Let $c_{\mathfrak{k}}$ be the conjugation of \mathfrak{k} with respect to $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}$. It is given by $c_{\mathfrak{k}}(X) = -\sigma \bar{X} \sigma$, where $X \mapsto \bar{X}$ is the conjugation of \mathfrak{k} with respect to $\tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}$. Moreover $c_{\mathfrak{k}}(\mathfrak{k}_j) = \mathfrak{k}_j$.

Proof. Let $X \in \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}$, then $X = X_1 + iX_2$ with $X_1 \in \tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}^+$ and $X_2 \in \tilde{\mathfrak{k}}_{\mathbb{R}}^-$. Then $-\sigma \bar{X} \sigma = -\sigma \bar{X}_1 \sigma + i\sigma \bar{X}_2 \sigma = X_1 + iX_2 = X$. For $X \in \mathfrak{k}_j$, $[H, c_{\mathfrak{k}}(X)] = c_{\mathfrak{k}}([H, X]) = j c_{\mathfrak{k}}(X)$. \square

We denote by \mathfrak{u} the compact real form of \mathfrak{g} . It follows that

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{u} + i\mathfrak{u} \text{ and } \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{k} \cap \mathfrak{u}.$$

We put $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{p} \cap i\mathfrak{u}$ then the real Lie subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} defined by $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is a real form of \mathfrak{g} . Its Cartan decomposition is just $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}}$. The Cartan signature of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is then given by

$$s_c = \dim(\mathfrak{p}) - \dim(\mathfrak{k}) = \dim(\mathfrak{p}_0) - \dim(\mathfrak{k}_0) + 2.$$

The real form $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}}$ will be called the Cartan-Adapted real form of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{p}$ associated to the pair (V, Q) . (cf. table 1 for the classification)

Corollary. The symmetric pair $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k})$ is non Hermitian.

Proof. It is a consequence of the fact that the decomposition $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{p}$ is the complexification of the Cartan decomposition of \mathfrak{g} and the fact that \mathfrak{p} is a simple \mathfrak{k} -module. \square

Remark. It is possible to see the statement of theorem 1 as a special case of constructions of Lie algebras by Allison and Faulkner, using the Cayley-Dickson process to associate a 5-graded simple Lie algebra to some structurable algebra W , that is $W = \mathfrak{k}_0 + \mathfrak{p}_0$ in our terminology (cf. [A-F]).

(Table 1)

The classification of the simple complex Lie algebras associated to the pair (V, Q) where V is a semisimple Jordan algebra of rank ≤ 4 and Q is a degree 4 semi-invariant can be obtained by considering all the possible cases for $V = \sum_{i=1}^s V_i$ and $Q = \prod_{i=1}^s \Delta_i^{k_i}$ where $k_i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and Δ_i is the polynomial determinant of the simple Jordan algebra V_i . For each case, we determine the dimension and the rank of \mathfrak{g} , and the Cartan signature of the real form $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$.

We obtain by this construction process all the simple real Lie algebras which intersect the minimal nilpotent complex adjoint orbit (cf.[B.]).

| V | Q | \mathfrak{k} | \mathfrak{g} | $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}$ | $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$ |
|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| \mathbb{C} | z^4 | $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ | $sl(3, \mathbb{C})$ | $su(2)$ | $sl(3, \mathbb{R})$ |
| \mathbb{C}^{p-2} | $\Delta(z)^2$ | $so(p, \mathbb{C})$ | $sl(p, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(p, \mathbb{R})$ | $sl(p, \mathbb{R})$ |
| $\mathbb{C}^{\oplus 2}$ | $z^2 w^2$ | $sl(2, \mathbb{C})^{\oplus 2}$ | $so(6, \mathbb{C})$ | $su(2)^{\oplus 2}$ | $so(3, 3)$ |
| $\mathbb{C}^{\oplus 3}$ | $z^2 uv$ | $sl(2, \mathbb{C})^{\oplus 3}$ | $so(7, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(3)^{\oplus 3}$ | $so(3, 4)$ |
| $\mathbb{C}^{\oplus 4}$ | $zuvw$ | $sl(2, \mathbb{C})^{\oplus 4}$ | $so(8, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(3)^{\oplus 4}$ | $so(4, 4)$ |
| $\mathbb{C}^{p-2} + \mathbb{C}$ | $\Delta(z)w$ | $so(p, \mathbb{C}) + sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(p+3, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(p) + so(3)$ | $so(p, 3)$ |
| $\mathbb{C}^{p-2} + \mathbb{C}^{\oplus 2}$ | $\Delta(z)uv$ | $so(p, \mathbb{C}) + sl(2, \mathbb{C})^{\oplus 2}$ | $so(p+4, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(p) + so(3)^{\oplus 2}$ | $so(p, 4)$ |
| $\mathbb{C}^{p-2} + \mathbb{C}^{q-2}$ | $\Delta(z)\Delta(w)$ | $so(p, \mathbb{C}) + so(q, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(p+q, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(p) + so(q)$ | $so(p, q)$ |
| $Sym(4, \mathbb{C})$ | $det(z)$ | $sp(8, \mathbb{C})$ | E_6 | $sp(8)$ | $E_{6(6)}$ |
| $M(4, \mathbb{C})$ | $det(z)$ | $sl(8, \mathbb{C})$ | E_7 | $su(8)$ | $E_{7(7)}$ |
| $Asym(8, \mathbb{C})$ | $det(z)$ | $so(16, \mathbb{C})$ | E_8 | $so(16)$ | $E_{8(8)}$ |
| $Sym(3, \mathbb{C}) + \mathbb{C}$ | $det(z)w$ | $sp(6, \mathbb{C}) + sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ | \mathfrak{f}_4 | $sp(6) + su(2)$ | $F_{4(4)}$ |
| $M(3, \mathbb{C}) + \mathbb{C}$ | $det(z)w$ | $sl(6, \mathbb{C}) + sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ | E_6 | $su(6) + su(2)$ | $E_{6(2)}$ |
| $Asym(6, \mathbb{C}) + \mathbb{C}$ | $det(z)w$ | $so(12, \mathbb{C}) + sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ | E_7 | $so(12) + su(2)$ | $E_{7(-5)}$ |
| $Herm(3, \mathbb{O})^{\mathbb{C}} + \mathbb{C}$ | $det(z)w$ | $E_7 + sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ | E_8 | $E_7^c + su(2)$ | $E_{8(-24)}$ |
| $\mathbb{C}^{\oplus 2}$ | $z^3 w$ | $sl(2, \mathbb{C})^{\oplus 2}$ | G_2 | $so(3)^{\oplus 2}$ | $G_{2(2)}$ |

where $p, q \geq 5$.

About the minimal nilpotent orbit

Let G be a connected complex Lie group with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . Then, the adjoint group G_{ad} of \mathfrak{g} is given by $G_{ad} = G/Z(G)$. Denote by $G_{ad\mathbb{R}}$ the connected subgroup of G_{ad} with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$, K_{ad} the connected subgroup of G_{ad} with Lie algebra \mathfrak{k} , and by $K_{ad\mathbb{R}}$ the maximal compact subgroup of both $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$ and K_{ad} with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}$. It is well known, by the Kostant Sekiguchi correspondance (cf. [S.]), that there is a bijection between the set of nilpotent K_{ad} -orbits in \mathfrak{p} and the set of nilpotent $G_{ad\mathbb{R}}$ -orbits in $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$. Moreover, if \mathcal{O}_{min} is the minimal nilpotent adjoint orbit in \mathfrak{g} , then, as \mathfrak{g} is non Hermitian, $\mathcal{O}_{min} \cap \mathfrak{p}$ is equal to the K_{ad} -orbit of the highest weight vector in \mathfrak{p} and $\mathcal{O}_{min} \cap \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is the corresponding orbit in $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$ by the Sekiguchi bijection.

As E is the highest weight vector of the adjoint action of \mathfrak{k} in \mathfrak{p} . Then

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}} := \mathcal{O}_{min} \cap \mathfrak{p} = K_{ad}E.$$

Now, following the terminology of Sekiguchi (cf. [S.]), the sl_2 -triple (H, E, F) is normal for the symmetric pair $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k})$, that means $H \in \mathfrak{k}, E, F \in \mathfrak{p}$. But the conditions of strict normality, i.e. $H \in i\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}, E+F \in \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}}, i(E-F) \in \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}}$ (which are equivalent to $\tilde{\theta}(H) = -H$ and $\tilde{\theta}(E) = -F$ where $\tilde{\theta}$ is the Cartan involution of \mathfrak{g}) are not satisfied (because $H \in \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}} \subset \mathfrak{u}$). However, by a lemma of Sekiguchi (cf.[S.]), there exists $k_0 \in K_{ad}$ such that the normal sl_2 -triple $(k_0.H, k_0.E, k_0.F)$ is also strictly normal. Then, the real nilpotent orbit in $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$ associated to the orbit $K_{ad}.E$ in \mathfrak{p} by the Sekiguchi bijection is given by

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}} := \mathcal{O}_{min} \cap \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}} = G_{ad\mathbb{R}}.(k_0[\frac{1}{2}(E + F + iH)]).$$

A theorem of M. Vergne (cf. [V.]) gives a canonical $K_{ad\mathbb{R}}$ -equivariant diffeomorphism (the Vergne-Kronheimer diffeomorphism) from $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}}$ onto $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$. (a kind of generalization of the realisation of $T^*\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ as \mathbb{C}^n .)

In our context, where K is the conformal group and $\tilde{K}^{(2)}$ the meta-conformal group, it is natural to consider the K -orbit $\Xi = \kappa(K).E$ or the $\tilde{K}^{(2)}$ -orbit $\tilde{\Xi}^{(2)} = \tilde{\kappa}(\tilde{K}^{(2)}).E$. As the groups K (resp. $\tilde{K}^{(2)}$) and K_{ad} (with same Lie algebra \mathfrak{k}) are very closer (they may be equal or one may be a 2-fold covering of the other), and as the stabilizer of E in K (resp. $\tilde{K}^{(2)}$) is equal to $L' \rtimes \sigma N \sigma$, where L' is the kernel of the character χ (resp. $\tilde{\chi}$), then these orbits are finite order coverings of the minimal orbit $\mathcal{O}_{min} \cap \mathfrak{p}$.

Application to Representation Theory

Theorem 4. Let $\tilde{G}_{\mathbb{R}}$ be the connected and simply connected Lie group with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$. Assume that (π, \mathcal{H}) is a unitary representation of $K_{\mathbb{R}}$ such that its differential $d\pi$ extends to an irreducible representation $\tilde{\rho}$ of \mathfrak{g} in the space $\mathcal{H}^{K_{\mathbb{R}}}$ of $K_{\mathbb{R}}$ -finite vectors. Assume that the operators $\tilde{\rho}(p)$ are antisymmetric for $p \in \mathfrak{p}$. Then there exists a unique unitary irreducible representation $\tilde{\pi}$ of $\tilde{G}_{\mathbb{R}}$ such that $d\tilde{\pi} = \tilde{\rho}$.

Proof. In fact, by the Nelson criterion, it is enough to prove that $\tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{L})$ is essentially self-adjoint for the Laplacian \mathcal{L} of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$. Let's consider a basis $\{X_1, \dots, X_k\}$ of $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}$ and a basis $\{p_1, \dots, p_l\}$ of $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}}$. As $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is the Cartan decomposition of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$, then the Laplacian and the Casimir operators of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$ are respectively given by

$$\mathcal{L} = X_1^2 + \dots + X_k^2 + p_1^2 + \dots + p_l^2$$

and

$$\mathcal{C} = X_1^2 + \dots + X_k^2 - p_1^2 - \dots - p_l^2.$$

It follows that $\mathcal{L} = 2(X_1^2 + \dots + X_k^2) - \mathcal{C}$ and $\tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{L}) = 2\tilde{\rho}(X_1^2 + \dots + X_k^2) - \tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{C})$.

As $\tilde{\rho}(X_1^2 + \dots + X_k^2) = d\pi(X_1^2 + \dots + X_k^2)$ and as π is a unitary representation of $K_{\mathbb{R}}$, then the image $\tilde{\rho}(X_1^2 + \dots + X_k^2)$ of the Laplacian of $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is essentially self-adjoint. Moreover, $\tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{C})$ is scalar, because the dimension of $\mathcal{H}^{K_{\mathbb{R}}}$ being countable, then the commutant of $\tilde{\rho}$, which is a division algebra over \mathbb{C} has a countable dimension too, and then is equal to \mathbb{C} .

It follows that $\tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{L})$ is essentially self-adjoint and that $\tilde{\rho}$ integrates to a unitary representation of $\tilde{G}_{\mathbb{R}}$. \square

The case of degree 2 semi-invariant

Suppose that $E = Q$ has degree 2. Then $\chi(h_t) = e^{-t}$ and H defines a graduation on \mathfrak{p} given by

$$\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_{-1} + \mathfrak{p}_0 + \mathfrak{p}_1$$

with $\mathfrak{p}_{-1} = \mathbb{C}.F$, $\mathfrak{p}_1 = \mathbb{C}.E$ and $\mathfrak{p}_0 \simeq V$ is generated by the first order partial derivatives of Q . We consider the vector space $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{p}$ and, as in the preceding sections, we can prove the following :

Theorem 5. There exists on \mathfrak{g} a unique Lie algebra structure such that

$$(S_1) \quad [X, X'] = [X, X']_{\mathfrak{k}} \quad \forall X, X' \in \mathfrak{k}$$

$$(S_2) \quad [X, p] = \rho(X)p \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{k}, p \in \mathfrak{p}$$

$$(S_3) \quad [E, F] = H.$$

\mathfrak{g} , endowed with this structure, is a simple 3-graded Lie algebra.

Moreover

$$\dim \mathfrak{g} = 3\dim(V) + 2 + \dim(\mathfrak{k}_0)$$

and, if $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{k}}$ is a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{k}_0 which contains H , and if

$$\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \{p \in \mathfrak{p} \mid [X, p] = 0 \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{k}}\}$$

then $\mathfrak{h} := \mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{k}} + \mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} and

$$\text{rank}(\mathfrak{g}) = \text{rank}(\mathfrak{k}_0) + \dim(\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}).$$

Moreover, if $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is the compact real form of \mathfrak{k} and \mathfrak{u} is the compact real form of \mathfrak{g} , then $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{u} + i\tilde{\mathfrak{u}}$ is the Cartan decomposition of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ and $\mathfrak{l}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{u} \cap \mathfrak{k}$. Moreover, if we denote by $\mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{p} \cap i\mathfrak{u}$, then the real Lie subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} defined by $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is a real form of \mathfrak{g} . Its Cartan decomposition is just $\mathfrak{l}_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}}$. The Cartan signature of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is then given by

$$s_c = \dim(\mathfrak{p}) - \dim(\mathfrak{k}) = 2 - \dim(\mathfrak{k}_0) - \dim(V).$$

The real form $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathfrak{p}_{\mathbb{R}}$ will be called the Cartan-Adapted real form of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{p}$ associated to the pair (V, Q) . The symmetric pair $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k})$ is non Hermitian (cf. table 2 for the classification).

(Table 2)

| V | Q | \mathfrak{k} | \mathfrak{g} | $\mathfrak{k}_{\mathbb{R}}$ | $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{R}}$ |
|---------------------------|-------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| \mathbb{C} | z^2 | $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(4, \mathbb{C})$ | $su(2)$ | $so(3, 1)$ |
| \mathbb{C}^{p-2} | $\Delta(z)$ | $so(p, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(p+1, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(p)$ | $so(p, 1)$ |
| $\mathbb{C} + \mathbb{C}$ | zw | $sl(2, \mathbb{C}) + sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(5, \mathbb{C})$ | $su(2) + su(2)$ | $so(4, 1)$ |

where $p \geq 5$.

Analogy with the Hermitian case

Now, let V be a semi-simple Jordan algebra with rank r , Q semi-invariant of degree $2r$ and we denote L the structure group of V given by

$$L := \{g \in GL(V) \mid \exists \gamma(g) \in \mathbb{C}, Q(gz) = \gamma(g)Q(z)\}.$$

Let \mathfrak{p} be the complex vector space generated by the polynomials $Q(z - a)$ with $a \in V$.

As in the part I, if there exists a character χ of L such that

$$Q(l.z) = \chi(l)^2 Q(z)$$

then the conformal group K of V acts on \mathfrak{p} by the representation κ and if the character χ does not exist, then we consider the action in \mathfrak{p} given by the representation $\tilde{\kappa}$ of the meta-conformal group associated to the semi-invariant Q . We denote by $\rho = d\kappa = d\tilde{\kappa}$.

In particular, L acts in \mathfrak{p} by the restriction of κ and for $X \in \mathfrak{l} = Lie(L)$,

$$(\rho(X)p)(z) = \frac{d}{dt} \gamma(\exp(\frac{1}{2}tX))p(\exp(-tX)z).$$

In this case, if $h_t \in K_o$ is the dilation of $V : h_t.z = e^{-t}z$ and $H \in \mathfrak{k}_o$ the corresponding infinitesimal element, then $\chi(h_t) = e^{-rt}$ and H defines a graduation of \mathfrak{p} given by

$$\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_{-r} + \mathfrak{p}_{-r+1} + \dots + \mathfrak{p}_0 + \dots + \mathfrak{p}_{r-1} + \mathfrak{p}_r$$

with

$$\mathfrak{p}_j = \{p \in \mathfrak{p} \mid \rho(H)p = jp\}$$

\mathfrak{p}_j is the set of homogeneous polynomials of degree $j + r$ in \mathfrak{p} and in particular,

$$\mathfrak{p}_{-r} = \mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{p}_r = \mathbb{C}.Q, \mathfrak{p}_{-r+1} \simeq \mathfrak{p}_{r-1} \simeq V.$$

We denote by $\mathcal{V}^+ = \mathfrak{p}_{-r+1}, \mathcal{V}^- = \mathfrak{p}_{r-1}$. They are two simple \mathfrak{l} -modules. Denote by $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}^+ + \mathcal{V}^-$ and then we consider the complex vector space defined by $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{l} + \mathcal{V}$.

Theorem 6. There exists on $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ a Lie algebra structure such that

$$(S_1) \quad [X, X'] = [X, X']_{\mathfrak{k}} \quad \forall X, X' \in \mathfrak{l}$$

$$(S_2) \quad [X, p] = \rho(X)p \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{l}, p \in \mathcal{V}.$$

$\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$, endowed with this structure, is a simple 3-graded Lie algebra.

Moreover

$$\dim \tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = 2\dim(V) + \dim(\mathfrak{l})$$

and, if $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathfrak{k}}$ is a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{l} , then it is a Cartan subalgebra of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ and $\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}) = \text{rank}(\mathfrak{k})$.

Proof. In fact, as for each $p \in \mathfrak{p}_{r-1}$ and for each $p' \in \mathfrak{p}_{-r+1}$, there exists a unique $X \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$ and a unique $X' \in \mathfrak{k}_1$ such that $p = \rho(X)F$ and $p' = \rho(X')E$ (where $F = 1$ and $E = Q$), then we define $[p, p'] = [X, X'] \in \mathfrak{l}$. Also, for $p_1 = \rho(X_1)E$ and $p_2 = \rho(X_2)E$ (with $X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1}$), we define the bracket as $[p_1, p_2] = [X_1, X_2] = 0$ and for $p'_1 = \rho(X'_1)F$ and $p'_2 = \rho(X'_2)F$ (with $X'_1, X'_2 \in \mathfrak{k}_1$), we define the bracket as $[p'_1, p'_2] = [X'_1, X'_2] = 0$. It becomes then easy to show that the Jacobi identity holds and that $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ is isomorphic to the conformal Lie algebra of V . \square

Moreover, denote by $\mathfrak{l}_{\mathbb{R}}$ the compact real form of \mathfrak{l} and by $\tilde{\mathfrak{u}}$ the compact real form of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$. Then $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{u}} + i\tilde{\mathfrak{u}}$ is the Cartan decomposition of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ and $\mathfrak{l}_{\mathbb{R}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{u}} \cap \mathfrak{l}$. Moreover, if we

denote by $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathcal{V} \cap i\tilde{\mathfrak{u}}$, then the real Lie subalgebra of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ defined by $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{l}_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is a real form of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$. Its Cartan decomposition is just $\mathfrak{l}_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{R}}$. The Cartan signature of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is then given by

$$s_c = \dim(\mathcal{V}) - \dim(\mathfrak{l}) = 2\dim(V) - \dim(\mathfrak{l}).$$

The real form $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{l}_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{R}}$ will be called the Cartan-Adapted real form of the Lie algebra $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{l} + \mathcal{V}$ associated to the pair (V, Q) . (cf. table 3 for the classification)

Corollary. The real forms $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{\mathbb{R}}$ are of Hermitian type.

Proof. It is a consequence of the fact that the decomposition $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{l} + \mathcal{V}$ is the complexification of the Cartan decomposition of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{\mathbb{R}}$ and the fact that \mathcal{V} is a sum of two irreducible representations, \mathcal{V}^+ and \mathcal{V}^- of \mathfrak{l} . \square

(Table 3)

| V | Q | \mathfrak{l} | $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ | $\mathfrak{l}_{\mathbb{R}}$ | $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_{\mathbb{R}}$ |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| \mathbb{C} | z^2 | \mathbb{C} | $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ | $i\mathbb{R}$ | $sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ |
| \mathbb{C}^{p-2} | $\Delta(z)^2$ | $so(p-2, \mathbb{C}) + \mathbb{C}$ | $so(p, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(p-2) + i\mathbb{R}$ | $so(p-2, 2)$ |
| $Sym(r, \mathbb{C})$ | $\det(z)^2$ | $sl(r, \mathbb{C}) + \mathbb{C}$ | $sp(r, \mathbb{C})$ | $su(r) + i\mathbb{R}$ | $sp(r, \mathbb{R})$ |
| $M(r, \mathbb{C})$ | $\det(z)^2$ | $sl(r, \mathbb{C})^{\oplus 2} + \mathbb{C}^{\oplus 2}$ | $sl(2r, \mathbb{C})$ | $su(r)^{\oplus 2} + i\mathbb{R}^{\oplus 2}$ | $sl(2r, \mathbb{R})$ |
| $Asym(2r, \mathbb{C})$ | $\det(z)$ | $sl(2r, \mathbb{C}) + \mathbb{C}$ | $so(4r, \mathbb{C})$ | $so(2r)$ | $so^*(4r)$ |
| $Herm(3, \mathbb{O})^{\mathbb{C}}$ | $\det(z)^2$ | $E_6(\mathbb{C})^{\mathbb{C}}$ | $E_7(\mathbb{C})$ | $E_6(\mathbb{R}) + i\mathbb{R}$ | $E_{7(-25)}$ |

where $p \geq 5$.

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